

Special Resolution: Quorum for Student Meetings

When the Articles were first drafted in 2011, there was a drafting error in the quorum level for General Assembly. The Articles outline that the quorum shall be 2% of the membership, which based on a membership of 38,900, the quorum is 778. We have conducted research into the quorum levels for similar meetings at other students' unions, provided below.

University	Student population	Quorum for General Assembly equivalent
University of Manchester	40,490	100 for CGM / 50 AGM
University College London	38,900	2% (778)
University of Leeds	33,300	10
University of Nottingham	32,515	500
University of Edinburgh	31,910	200
Coventry University	31,690	100
Cardiff University	31,595	500
Sheffield Hallam University	30,815	2% (or 400 whichever is greater)
King's College London	30,565	125
University of the West of England	27,880	150
University of Southampton	25,180	250 members

Furthermore, the space on campus limits our ability to hold meetings of this size as the largest room, Logan Hall only holds 933.

A quoracy at such a high burden makes the provision for all student meetings redundant due to its impracticality.

As part of our Democracy Review, we are proposing that the quorum level be amended to 1% of the membership, circa 430 based on current membership numbers.

To replace the following:

- 15.5 No business shall be transacted at any Members' meeting unless a quorum is present. 2% of the total membership shall be a quorum.
- 21.2 200 persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted (each being a Member or a proxy for a Member) or 2% of the total membership (represented in person or by proxy), whichever is greater, shall be a quorum.

With the following:

- 15.5 No business shall be transacted at any Members' meeting unless a quorum is present. 1% of the total membership shall be a quorum.
- 21.2 200 persons entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted (each being a Member or a proxy for a Member) or 1% of the total membership (represented in person or by proxy), whichever is greater, shall be a quorum.